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Since it became clear during negotiations on the supplementary budget that the bourgeois parties have changed their attitude towards Lagerholm's Social Democratic administration, there has been a certain air of crisis surrounding that administration. It is said that an attempt to remove the present administration and replace it with a bourgeois administration will be made when the Diet has returned from its two week recess, which will begin on 20 May.

The complete about-face of the Coalition Party affects the situation decisively. Both the chairman and the secretary of the Party recently declared that the base of the government must be widened. It would be highly desirable that the Social Democrats be included in the new administration, but this would be out of the question in light of the declarations made by Premier Fagerholm and other leading Social Democrats. The Communists would not be welcome under any circumstances.

The reason for the change in attitude of the Coalition Party is that its members in rural areas are dissatisfied with the present status of agriculture and that certain elements within the Party, for opportunistic reasons, are beginning to gravitate towards the Social Democratic camp. A shift in opinion has also taken place in the Swedish People's Party, favoring those who, during the interpellation of Lagerholm on the critical agricultural situation, voted with the Agrarians against him.

The administration's decision on 13 May to pardon the Communist leaders by striking their offenses from the record is presumed to be a move on the part of the Social Democrats to ensure themselves of Communist support against attempts of the bourgeois parties to take over the government.

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FINNISH REDS GO TO MOSCOW -- Dagens Nyheter No 125, 11 May 49

(Helsinki Correspondent) -- Yrjö Enne, secretary of organization, and Aili Mäkinen, secretary of culture, of the Finnish Communist Party made a highly secret visit to the Soviet Union some time ago. The reason for the trip is not known.

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